(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि महाराष्ट्र ने यह आश्वासन दिया है कि संस्थान को पंजाबराव कृषि विश्वविद्यालय के परिसर में भूमि प्रदान की जाएगी; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए क्या कदम उठा रही है कि यह संस्थान बन्द न

प्रधान मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव) : (क) सी० एस० आइ० आर० फील्ड/एक्सटेंशन/रीजनल केन्द्रों की कार्य निष्पादकता समीक्षा के अनुसरण में प्रधान मंत्री जी की अध्यक्षता वाली सी०एस०आइ०आर० सोसाइटी ने अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ यह निर्देश दिया कि नागपुर स्थित केन्द्रीय खाद्य प्रौद्योगिकी अनुसंधान संस्थान (सी०एफ०टी०आर०आइ०) के केन्द्र को तभी जारी रखा जा सकता है जब राज्य सरकार निम्नांकित से सहमत हो :

I. केन्द्र की पुनः स्थापना के लिए भूमि प्रदान करना; और

II. 50 प्रतिशत व्यय वहन करना।

(ख) जी, हां।

(ग) महाराष्ट्र सरकार द्वारा व्यय 50 प्रतिशत वहन करने की स्वीकृति (सहमति) देने के बाद ही केन्द्र की पुनःस्थापना की जा सकती है।

Detection of Errors in Computer Software Installed in WIHG, (Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology)

4041 SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Scien tists, working in Wadia Institute of Hi malayan Geology (WIHG), have detec ted defects in the computer software supp lied by a private firm which has been in use in the WIHG since long;

(b) whether it is also a fact that conse quent to the inherent defect in the soft ware, incorrect calculatioas relating to the rerearch have been obtained leading the work of the scientists to waste ;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken appropriate steps to quantify and evaluate the loss caused by the error and to recover compensation from the software supplier ;

(d) whether the said software is also installed and used in the computers in several other centres of the Government, including in the Defence installations;

(e) whether the defective software has since been withdrawn from all the installations, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether Government are contemp lating to suitably reward the scientists of WIHG who detected the defects and benefited the Nation.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A shortcoming in one software (COS inverse) function is reported to have led to incorrect calculations of data related to lattice parameters for about thirty rock samples after about four year of the systems commissioning/usage.

(c) to (e) There has been no loss on original data and the loss has been in terms of incorrect calculations owing to defect in one software function (COS Inverse). This was brought to the notice of the vendor who have suggested an alternative solution. The fact of detection of the defect in the software function in the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geo logy has been brought to the notice of all Government Departments for neces sary action.

(f) The efforts of the Scientists has been appreciated.

Technology Developed by Indian Space Research Organisation to be used as Import Substitute

4042. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the technology developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), both within and outside the country, is not being properly utilised by the Industry; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that precious foreign exchange can also be saved by way of these technologies, once developed as products, as import substitutes, and if so, the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) A number of technologies developed by Indian Space Research Organisation (1SRO) have already been transferred to Indian Industry and are being manufactured by the industry, to meet the demands of various agencies and organisations, besides ISRO's own requirements for its satslites and launch vehicle programmes. In adition, ISRO also provides technical consultancy support to Indian Industry to upgrade their technologies. The Indian industry work very closely with SRO, both for ISRO's purposes as well as their own needs.

Prosecution of Doctors under C.E.A.

@4042-A. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Indian Medical Association have objected to the cases of doctors being prosecuted and fined by District/State Consumer Councils under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986; and

(b) if so, what are the objections and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Government has received a representation from the Indian Medical Association wherein they have raised the following objections regarding applicability of Consumer Protection Act to the medical profession ;

(i) that medical profession can not be equated with any trade/selling commodity.

(ii) medical profession comes under 'contract for personal services' under section 2(1) (0) of the Act and therefore, exempted from the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

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(iii) There is specific agency namely Medical Council of India and State Medical Council which have Statutory powers to award punishment for alledged misconduct and negligence against medical professionals.

All the services which are hired for a consideration are covered under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986. The National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission in a judgement has held that contract of personal services stems from master-servant relationship. The relation between a patient and the professional doctors does not come within that category. Further Consumer Protection Act, only provides for additional remedy to the consumers for the redressal of their grievances against services which are hired for a consideration. It is for the consumer to decide the forum where he wants to seek redress

Reservation for SC/ST in Public Sector undertakings

@@4042-B SHRI KARMA TOPDEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reservation for SC/ST in recruitments of posts would remain applicable in all the public sector undertakings after privatisation under Government's liberal policy;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to implement the same;

(c) whether any amendment, is] proposed to be made accordingly in the statute; and

(d) if not, what is Government's attitude towards safeguarding the interest of SC/ST regarding this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a)to(d) No change is contemplated in the existing policy of reservation for SCs/STs in Public Sector Enterprises.

Right to Work

@@@4042-C SHRIB.K. HARIPRASAD Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether right to work and employment guarantee schemes have been droped by Government as Reported in the Economic Times of 19th February, 1992 due to financial and other constraints; and

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@@Previously Unstarred Question 4357 transferred from the 27th March, 1992.

@@@Previoasly Unstarred Question J421 transferred from the 24th March, 1992.